



# Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation




## NOVEMBER 2021 PROGRAMS

**Public programs are free however, parking fees are collected year-round.** Purchase day passes for \$8 MA license plate, \$30 out of-state-plate with MC/VISA at pay & display machine in lots or use the YODEL parking app. Free WiFi (*MassIT-Public*) at the Visitor Center. NO CASH SALES. MA annual and senior passes must be purchased in advance through the DCR website. Advance purchase of passes does not guarantee parking space availability. Parking is first come, first served.

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid). **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.** Insect repellent, sturdy shoes, and water suggested for woods programs.

**All organized group visitations require advanced reservations.** To arrange group visitation contact: [walden.programs@mass.gov](mailto:walden.programs@mass.gov) or (978)405-2082.

**During warm weather, fall foliage and holidays, the park closes frequently,** for several hours, to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure updates on [twitter@waldenpondstate](https://twitter.com/waldenpondstate)

Daily	<b>Self-guided Autumn StoryWalk®</b>  family fun on the <i>Woods Path</i> trail for all ages <i>Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year</i> by Donna Marie Prybojewski Fall into this seasonal story posted on the accessible <i>Woods Path</i> . This easy 1/2 mile trail, on a crushed stone surface, takes 15 minutes each way. <b>No dogs or bikes on trails.</b>
Daily 10am-4pm	<b>Visitor Center</b>  <b>Thoreau Exhibits, <i>Walden</i> Ken Burns film, and Art Gallery</b> Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond through exhibits, art exhibition and film. The 22-minute film shows every 1/2 hour. Visit the Gallery for changing Walden art exhibits.  <b>Nuts About Walden - Food in the Forest</b> <b>Visitor Center Interpre-station—all ages</b> Learn what nuts and seeds Walden animals forage and how their food storage habits help in tree distribution and succession. These nutty activities are fun for everyone.
Sundays & Mondays in November 10am-4pm	<b>Concord Authors Exhibit—Visitor Center</b>  Browse a selection of books by famous residents: Alcott, Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau. Learn about the “Concord Summer” at this Visitor Center display table.
Tuesdays in November	<b>De-Mystifying Thoreau - replica open house, all ages</b> <b>10:00-11:30am</b> Debunk many myths and rumors about renowned writer / naturalist, Henry David Thoreau, with a Park Interpreter. <b>Thoreau’s Tiny House, replica open house - all ages</b> <b>1:00-2:30pm</b> Discover how Thoreau’s “experiment in deliberate living” made him an early “Tiny House Movement” advocate.

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coming events

**Wednesdays**  
**November**  
**10, 17, 24**

**Thoreau's Stay at Walden - replica - all ages**

10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am

10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived "a deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.

**Excavation at Walden - original house site - all ages**  
1:00-2:30pm

Learn about the excavation of the original house site above Thoreau Cove in the 1940s and the cairn. Maps at the kiosk or Visitor Center.



**Thursdays**  
**in November**

**Thoreau's Stay at Walden - replica - all ages**

10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am

10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived "a deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.

**Harvest Walk - walk meets at replica - all ages**  
10:00-11:30am

Easy 1/2 mile exploration along the scenic *Pond Path* investigating plants from Thoreau's book *Walden* and his essay *Autumnal Tints*. Walk starts from the Thoreau house replica by the main parking lot.



**Fridays & Saturdays**  
**November**  
**5, 6, 12, 13**

**What Lives in Walden Pond?- Visitor Center - all ages**  
10:00am-4:00pm, ongoing

Be a naturalist like Thoreau. Learn about Walden Pond animals from this photographic display.



**Fridays & Saturdays**  
**November**  
**19, 20, 26, 27**

**What's Hidden in Henry's House? - Visitor Center - all ages**  
10:00am-noon, ongoing

Meet a Park Interpreter and find out where Henry David Thoreau kept his writing, food, and supplies. Use these clues to investigate the storage areas in the Thoreau house replica and statue on your own.



**November**  
**11-16**

**SPECIAL DISPLAY - VETERAN'S DAY WEEKEND**  
**American Flags in Thoreau's Time - Visitor Center**  
Exhibit of flags in highlighting benchmarks in Henry David Thoreau's life.

**More self-guided opportunities:** <https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs> or scan code

